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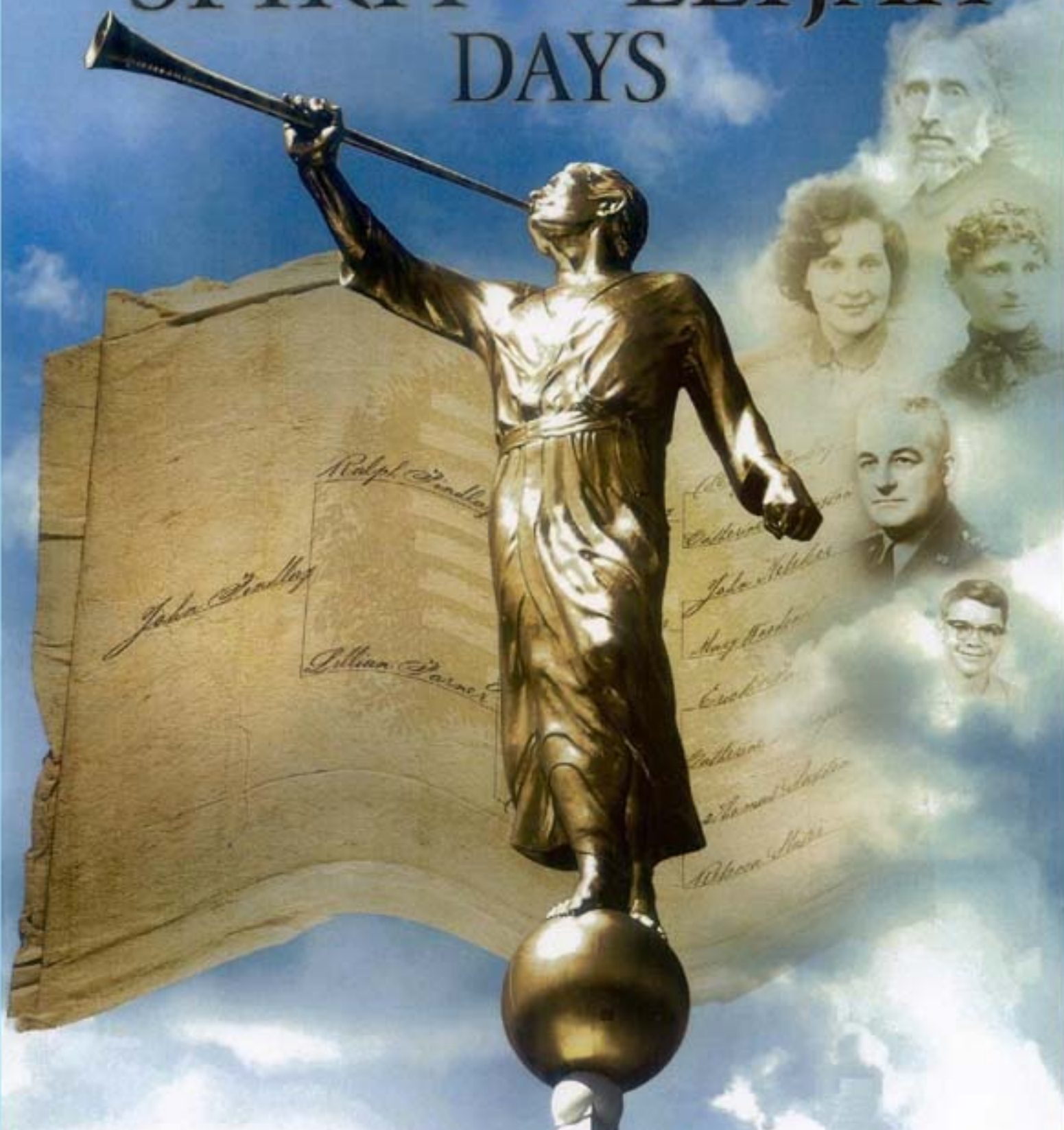
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In pursuit of my Cherokee roots, their customs, beliefs and legends, I asked the Lord for assistance in contacting my Animal Spirit Guide. An extraordinary event took place validating this ancient knowledge but enhancing my life for the better. This is an account of that strange encounter where I found not only my animal spirit guide but also, a renewed dedication to my Heavenly Father's work.

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SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DAYS



"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND YOU ELIJAH THE PROPHET BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD: AND HE SHALL TURN THE HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, AND THE HEART OF THE CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS, LEST I COME AND SMITE THE EARTH WITH A CURSE. MALACHI 4:5-6

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MY DESIRE TO KNOW...

Many years ago, when I discovered my Pratt family roots were embedded in Cherokee ancestry, I became interested in some of the Native customs and beliefs.

When writing the book, "**Henry Pratt Family of Greene County, Tennessee**" I studied over 140 native ancestry books covering the Cherokee, Creek, Chick-a-saw, Choctaw and Seminole tribes of the southeastern portion of the United States.

Some of the beliefs had several things in common, one common belief being we, the living, are all assigned an animal spirit guide.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this concept consider the following...

<http://www.manataka.org/page291.html#INTRODUCTI>

"You do not choose a Spirit Guide as your personal spirit guide. The Spirit chooses you and they decide to whom they will reveal themselves and make their friend. Do not fall into the trap of saying, "Gosh, I think the wolf is a smart, good looking and powerful animal, so the wolf will become my animal guide." It does not work this way.

Each Animal has its own Medicine, which is unique to that specific creature as gifted by the Great Mystery, and its spirit cannot be chosen like the color of your new car. Discovering whom your animal guides are is a process of paying attention to the spirits around you and following the signs. It is a process of developing your inner knowledge and spiritual understanding.

An individual can not be assigned a spirit guide by another person, regardless of who that person maybe, no more than another person can say how or when the Great Mystery of Life will be known to you.

What happens if you want an animal spirit so bad you can taste it (not literally) and one has not come to you? We have two suggestions for this case. First, pray about it. Second, be satisfied with whatever happens or does not happen. If it comes, then it comes. If it does not, then it does not. End of question." [End of quote]

As I pondered over the years, concerning my animal spirit guide, I realized the first person I would need help for this knowledge would be my Heavenly Father.

So, I asked him in prayer for the knowledge of my animal spirit guide so I too, could benefit from this connection as others have for so many years. After the prayer...I waited. Nothing happened.

Time moved on and I forgot my request but something happened in my life that nearly killed me...I had a life threatening heart attack in April 2012.

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Spiritual preparation...

In the process of recovering from my heart attack, I was informed by the doctors, I had lost 51% of my active heart muscle. They also informed me they could not apply any stints since the blood vessels were so blocked they could not get the stints into the vessels.

Therefore, I have been dealing with half a heart, which has slowed me down in all aspects, including speech, breathing and movement.

Any exertion over and above talking, walking of an occasional outing from the apartment, leaves me exhausted and finished for any further daily activity. My speech consists of sound bits.

Arriving at my destination whether it being a doctor's office, dinner appointment, visiting with relatives or attending church comes at a high price. My level of stamina or endurance has been greatly diminished, especially since I moved to the Denver area, where the oxygen is greatly reduced.

However, back in Florida, in 2012 after my heart attack, I was dismissed from the hospital with a whole new collection of medications I had never had to endure before.

Recovery has never been 100% but I have learned how to adjust to my diminished physical condition.

Recovery includes the realization I am living on borrowed time and at any time my 49% heart could call it quits. This has drawn me closer to my Heavenly Father and increased my desire to serve, help and assist others when I can find an opportunity to render such service.

My illness has increased my focus on the plight of others and enhanced my willingness to help in all places, at all times and in all things. I am only limited by my physical disability. Which sometimes causes me to bite off more than I can chew when it comes to charity work.

With an increased spiritual closeness to my Heavenly Father coupled with a loving attitude to help others and possessing a more kind and generous attitude, I guess I was prepared for what was to take place.

HE CHOSE ME...

While recovering from my hospital ordeal, required me to sleep and rest a great deal to help in my recovery.

One day, in the afternoon as I slept on the couch, which benefited a previous back injury, the house was quiet and I was sound asleep. I suddenly rose up into an upright position sitting on the couch and immediately turned to my right facing my large lazy boy chair.

I saw standing about five feet tall, with his head about a foot over the backrest of the chair...a Panda staring at me. He had the usual black and white fur with the small little ears at the 10 and 2 positions with a human face and was calmly observing me without any expression.

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I felt love, compassion, kindness and peace as I observed him and then I realized who he was...my animal spirit guide.

I smiled and raised my finger and pointed to him and I said slowly, "I...see...you". His expression changed and he looked surprised and his lips made an O and he faded from view.

Unfortunately, I have never seen him again, but it appeared it was an accident that I saw him then. I concluded this assumption due to his expression and reaction.

I immediately called Bonnie from the other room and explained what I had just witnessed. Unfamiliar with Native American lore, legends, customs or religious beliefs but very familiar with visions, dreams and spiritual experiences, which she has personally experienced in her life, she was supportive.

Knowing our many spiritual experiences we have shared in our 40-year tenure together, she knew I was not prone to exaggerations, hallucinations and sensational stories but truthful in my account of the incident.

I told a few trusted friends, not knowing how do you relate such and extraordinary event to someone who first; would not know what it meant, second; who would not understand the significance and third; who would not see any value in such an event? Especially since I didn't quite understand what had just taken place.

I was reluctant to even tell my own children and now after 3 years since the incident, I feel comfortable enough to put my experience down on paper.

It was only after I began recently to investigate various websites, I began to understand the significance of my experience.

TYPES OF ANIMAL SPIRIT GUIDES...

I found there are 4 types of animal spirit guides who come into your life. From the same website above.

TYPES OF ANIMAL GUIDES

"Symbolic of the four sacred directions, four seasons, and the four colors of man, there are four basic types of animal guides.

Whether an animal spirit comes by dreams, signs and symbolic events, or actual events it is important to first determine if the guide is a Messenger Guide (Totem), Shadow Guide, Journey Guide or Life Guide.

The meaning and lessons an animal guide brings will differ according to the type of guide it may be. Learning to differentiate between the four types of totems is critical to knowing how to react and the actions you will take when an animal totem makes itself known to you. All guides are powerful.

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A Messenger Guide quickly comes into your life and then leaves once a message is understood. The time a Message Guide stays in your psychic is relative to you seeing and accepting the message. The message itself can be spiritual in nature, or it can be a warning. The message may deal with a seemingly mundane aspect of your life or it may be a wake-up call for some important action you must make. Sometimes the animal messenger will come during an unusual event and make a powerful statement and others come on the wind as a whisper. A messenger guide can cause you delays or some unforeseen help in your life. They can be both negative and positive in nature for they are totally impartial.

A Shadow Animal Guide is one that invades you with fear. Its purpose is to teach a lesson you have not learned from repeated mistakes because of anger, avarice, greed, insecurity, or other negative thoughts. A Shadow Guide will return again and again bearing strong feelings of fear until its message is acted upon or a change in lifestyle or actions are incorporated into your life. The Shadow Guide is powerful. It can help you to overcome fear by bringing truth and turning fear into a helper animal guide or spirit animal guide. However, if ignored the Shadow Guide can become dangerous and its powers will have a negative affect on your life. The Shadow Guide lives in the spirit world and usually arrives during a time of testing.

A Journey Animal Guide appears at the fork in the road of your life. When a decision is made to follow a certain path in life, the Journey Guide is there to serve as a guide along the way. It represents a path that may take months or years to complete. It can be a friendly traveling companion if the path is right. If you become lost along the way, the Journey Guide is there help lead the way back. Unlike a Messenger Guide who comes and leaves quickly, the Journey Guide remains at your side until the current cycle in your life has changed. Appears at the fork in the road of your life. When a decision is made to follow a certain path in life, the Journey Guide is there to serve as a guide along the way. It represents a path that may take months or years to complete. It can be a friendly traveling companion if the path is right. If you become lost along the way, the Journey Guide is there help lead the way back. Unlike a Messenger Guide who comes and leaves quickly, the Journey Guide remains at your side until the current cycle in your life has changed.

A Life Animal Guide is also called a Spirit Guide as it remains a part of you throughout life and reflects your inner-spiritual self. You may have more than one Life Guide and new ones may come during an expected time. Usually a Life Guide does not move away or disappear but remains an integral part of your life, however, there are instances when a particular Life Guide is no longer needed and is replaced with a new one. Its powers are always there for you and serve as a constant reminder of your inner powers and oneness with nature. If for example your Life Guide is Bear, you should be a person who is a solitary dweller, a seeker of knowledge and well grounded. A Life Guide will often call upon other animal guides found within its domain to assist in giving you special messages from time to time. [End of Quote]

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After reading the above, I realized my animal guide was a messenger guide. He came quickly and was gone quickly. But the messages he brought, were numerous.

[1] His species identified my animal spirit guide as a Panda.

[2] He was male.

[3] He was gentle, kind and loving.

[4] He cared enough about me to watch over me as I recovered from my heart attack.

[5] Since I have met him, I KNOW he is there to help.

As I studied the above website I was able to glean additional information about these fascinating animals.

MEETING YOUR ANIMAL GUIDE

After you understand what type of animal guide has come into your life, it is necessary to educate yourself fully as to the nature of the animal. Learn about its habitat, life cycles, what it eats, physical characteristics, special skills and traits, social and mating habits. Go to places where your animal guide can be found in real life. Study it in nature. Gaining insight into the nature of your animal guide will help you to better understand its messages. Meditate on this knowledge and discover its power and medicine.

After you learn various ways to work with the medicine of your animal spirit guide, the medicine becomes a gateway to connecting with other spirit guides found within its domain. Your animal spirit guide (or those spirits who choose to reveal themselves in the form of an animal) will teach you how to align with other spirit guides and beings.

Remember: The spirit guide chooses the person. The person does not choose the spirit guide. A person cannot simply select an animal and begin communication – the results of which are often frustrating and unsuccessful. A spirit guide must be harmonious with the person.

Communication with your spirit guide requires reverent respect and knowledge of the ways of the animal guide. You must find ways to honor your spirit guide. The more importance you give to the spirit guide the more they respond to you. Most spirit guides do not immediately acknowledge themselves to the person, as they are leery of your intention and knowledge. A spirit guide is sensitive to moods, current events, and a person's path in life. They must first trust you and learn your needs and wants. You must learn to trust them and understand their needs and wants. It takes time, patience and practice." [End of Quote]

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POSITIVE CHANGES IN MY LIFE...

After my experience, my life *did* seem to change for the better. I became more spiritual and less worldly.

One day, I made a comment to my wife, Bonnie, "I wish I had a Cherokee name". She prayed about it and one day she informed me she had a Cherokee name for me. I was suspicious since I really didn't think she took my request seriously.

She said my name is, "He Who Stands in Holy Places." I was surprised, how insightful, but knew this was inspirational since she and I have been Temple attendees for 30 years. I knew this was a good name and befitting my status and position in my community and the Church. One day when I find someone who can speak Cherokee, I will ask him to translate this name for me.

After my visitation, I became more loving and caring for ALL of my Heavenly Father's children. Where I have erred and caused harm in my life to others, I made an attempt to reach out with an olive branch and make amends.

Not always received well in the spirit my reconciliation's were intended, but at least I made the effort.

After publishing books on various family history subjects for over 40 years [300], I decided to give them away without compensation and assist any and all who needed help in family history research. This was a complete reversal of my business philosophy concerning the last 40 years.

I began to publish these works on the Internet offering FREE access to those interested parties. If what they needed was not on the Internet, then I created NEW books for them without compensation.

I increased my Church participation and teamed up with a fellow brother; home teacher increasing our home teaching workload from 5 families a month to 25 families a month with 100% visitation as our goal.

I started attending ALL the block meetings in church in order to assist the leadership with my 40-year knowledge of church procedures and experience.

It wasn't; until I read from the above website the benefits of having an animal spirit guide did I realize how I obtained my renewed spiritual awakening.

THE POWER OF ANIMAL SPIRITS

"The natural power of animal spirit guides has not been lost. The knowledge and power of animal guides is alive and can be effectively used to improve our lives and all creation. American Indians call the process of connecting with animal guides and other parts of creation as being 'One with Nature.'

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Connecting with your animal guide will make you a better person. You will be healthier physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. You will see the world and all things in it with more clarity and understanding.

Animals are wondrous happy creatures. There is no doubt that animals have beautiful, balanced emotions. They love and defend one another. They feel sorrow and melancholy. Yet, there has never been a war between animal species. They know nothing about greed, envy, and hate. They live their entire lives without sin.

They have many amazing powers and use those powers only to benefit their kind and not to overcome their opponents. There is a reason why the Creator put all of us together on the same planet. A part of that reason is to learn from one another.

Animals are here to teach humans. They have many powerful lessons to give. They remind us that we are only a small part of creation; that each part of creation has a place; that each creature has its own skill and wisdom.

For the learning process to begin we must develop a relationship with one or more animal guides and this requires time and patience. This does not mean you must be with the animal physically. But instead, will learn about the traits, habits, skills and spirit of the animal from afar. As with any new knowledge, practice is important to hone learning into a useful skill. The rewards will be understanding, love, light energy, skillful knowledge and wisdom.

Moreover, the reward is having a powerful spiritual friend.

Both domesticated and free animals offer an immense heritage of myth, folklore and symbolism. As we learn about animals, it is important to know their symbolic meaning as a point of reference and comparison, however we must keep in mind that symbols are cultural in nature and differ from place to place, from time to time and may not reflect the nature of the animal as you feel it. Give time to the study of their characteristics, habitat and position in the eco-system. [End of Quote]

HOW I CAN USE THIS KNOWLEDGE?...

Now, that Heavenly Father has answered my original prayer those many years ago, I realize how much he loves me and how much he is counting on me to manifest his love to my brothers and sisters.

With an increased dedication to help others, my life has been not without conflict, but easier to deal with those fiery darts the adversary throws.

I am more patient, more understandings, more willing to help and more willingly to assist anyone in need.

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However, my Heavenly Father has thrown some trials into my life requiring me to do, what I can do, when I can do, what I love to do.

Unknowing, the high attitude would play havoc upon my 49% heart, I have found, I run out energy quickly, run out of air easily, I can no longer give Sacrament talks in church and when I bear my testimony, I have to keep it to 2 or 3 minutes otherwise I gasped for air and start coughing.

This has changed my strategy. I no longer can do all the things I used to do, but now I have resigned myself to being a role model, *i.e.*, an example and let those who can...do and I will do what I am physically able to do.

I have never in my life been this helpless, when it came to fulfilling my Church obligations. It is a new feeling, a humble feeling, but Father who could heal me with a blink of his eye, has decided this is what my role model is to be and I accept this challenge and will do the best I can for as long as I can.

So, I am a happy man. I have received more blessing than most, I have witnessed more miracles than most, I have enjoyed a large family and witnessed that family enter into the House of the Lord and if obedient they will all enjoy the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

So, my brother and sisters, do not pine over my passing when I cross the veil, it is I, whose thoughts will be with you and the trials you will have to face as you pursue your salvation.

Having an animal spirit guide has helped me and I guess some of you already know or have communed with your animal spirit guide, but the first and foremost step in learning more is to seek your Heavenly Father in prayer in ALL things.

Only by building a relationship with him can you find harmony and peace in your lives and magnify the blessings you bring to others.

Love you all,

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

Mr. Pratt

Brother Pratt

Uncle Tom

Brother-in-Law

Son-in-Law

Son

Husband

Dad

Grandpa

Great Grandpa

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.



At the age of 19, Mr. Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.


Floyd started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others. Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors. It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Due to confusion with Pratt ancestors and not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 50,000 individuals in his database and has achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt created  **Pratt Publications**.

He began to offer to the public, a series of books titled, Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 11 volumes were sent to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library with 60 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt created the  **Genealogical Institute** to further the education of serious researchers.

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The **Genealogical Institute** offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the novice as well as advanced researchers, procedures Mr. Pratt has tried and tested to be of great value in family history research. These courses offer “a hands on” curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical techniques for tracking your family history. Many have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses.

Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, these courses are valuable tools for the family history researcher. Mr. Pratt has been informed by researchers his material found in his publications are recorded as source validation for such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Upon completion of the educational courses from the **Genealogical Institute**, the graduate is awarded the *Master Accreditation* of the *Genealogical Institute*. (*M.A.G.I.*) Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many experienced researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their “brick wall” in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize, this knowledge has been acquired over 40 years of research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task. Outside of Washington, Saint John's Township, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery aka; misnamed the McAllister Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and arrived in the Missouri Territory shortly after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

Mr. Pratt recorded all the information off of the headstones including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related to Mr. Pratt or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book “**JOHNSON-CALDWELL CEMETERY OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI**”©.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, talking to ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text.

What makes this book unique is based on several factors. First, it is the only book to report on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children. Second, this book contains a unique index, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research should be based. No one has ever produced a body of work as unique and professional as this publication.

As the years moved on, Mr. Pratt became concerned about his 40 years of hard research work of various family histories. After a serious heart attack in 2012, Mr. Pratt decided to post his collective bodies of work on a website making them available to all interested researchers without compensation.

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After careful consideration, Mr. Pratt chose the website www.openlibrary.org. "Open Library" is a repository of millions of digital books available to the public for free.

There are two or more ways to access Mr. Pratt's publications.

If you open the website as listed above you click on the authors label on the left hand side and type Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I. The website will open to his name, click his name and you will be directed to a listing with his name, picture and listing of presently 62 publications (2015).

You can either scroll the list or an easier way to reach his lists is at the following website...

<https://openlibrary.org/people/floydpratt59/lists>

If you notice there are currently 9 lists or categories of books, article, stories and commentaries attributed to Mr. Pratt's publications.

These "Lists" are broken down as follows not necessarily in any order...

Vital Text Series This section covers public vital records. Including marriage records, deeds, census records, births, deaths, probate and indexes to public records. The counties of Missouri covered are as follows; Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Gasconade, St. François, Ste. Genevieve, and Jefferson counties.

Pratt Archive Collections This Collections comprises of a series of books containing cemeteries, family histories, biographies and various books by individual authors. There are several sections with this group... **Cemeteries** contain documented census information for various cemeteries in Crawford, Washington and Franklin Counties of Missouri. **Family Histories** are a collection of historical books concerning a group of a family or family names.

CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE The Cradle to Grave Profile (C2G) documents an individual's life from the cradle to the grave. All known research material concerning that individual is represented in a family group sheet format. These C2G profiles are presented to the researcher within a family group sheet detailing the husband, his spouses and all known children. Regardless of how many times the subject has been married, the researcher receives a full report on all known spouses and children for one low fee.

The Pratt Chronicles... The Pratt Chronicles series or what we call a Cradle to Grave (C2G) profile on steroids, is an in-depth comprehensive biography on one individual's life encompassing all known events, including historical factors from the time of their birth to their burial. These events are comprised of current music, inventions, movies, family births, deaths, marriages, legal documents, occupations, military participation, pictures, maps, mementos, world history, US history and economic conditions as they occurred on a yearly basis.

LITERARY HISTORY SERIES contains rare books concerning family history written by other authors...many who are deceased. These books were bought over the years and now enjoy the status of a rare find in the genealogical library.

VIEW FROM THE MAST... Over the years, Mr. Pratt has found it necessary to write articles concerning observations concerning various family history topics or what we call personal artifacts. These reports, articles and short stories are contained in this section labeled...View From the Mast.

A Little Something About Your Author.....

Having a unique perspective from the top of mast on the sailing ship of discovery, Mr. Pratt has sailed through the waters of family history research for the last 40 years. These articles were designed to bring to the attention of family historians some unusual details he has witnessed during his research tenure.

Genealogical Institute M.A.G.I. Courses These courses were developed over the years to assist the novice as well as the professional in all manners pertaining to family history research. Written in easy to read format with detailed explanations concerning various subjects of interest to family history researchers.

Pratt Progenitor Papers Series This series is comprised of the famous Pratt Progenitor Papers. Starting with a known ancestor, this collection covers 2 or more generations of descendants. Each volume follows a particular individual and his descendants including children, grandchildren and spouses if known. Each of these volumes include legal and detailed information about a particular ancestor...many contain Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles. The order of reporting is as follows: 1st a Descendancy report on the primary, which is usually the husband; 2nd the primary or husband followed by all known wives, then 3rd the second generation comprising of all known children and their spouses, followed by additional subsequent generations of descendants. The **PPP** are light on speculation and assumptions, heavy on factual documentation offering research insights and suggestions.

ANCESTRAL FAMILY HISTORY OF... This book showcases a selected individual usually a living descendant, detailing their direct line ancestors as far as the research has been completed. This type of format is known as an enhanced pedigree chart. These books contain as many as 10 to 70 generations limited only by the number of ancestors of our primary individual. Whereas, pedigree charts list only the vitals on an individual, these books generate all known notes, articles, legal documents and if applicable, Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profiles on each and every direct line ancestor and their spouses.

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We, in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his research and dedication, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical research field.

In addition we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman
Genealogical Institute

Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt F. H. C., M. A. G. I. Pedigree Chart

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